

NOTICE OF A FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING - NCDOT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING PROPOSED LOCATION OF US HIGHWAY 17

WBS No. 34442.1.2

R-2514

Jones and Onslow Counties

In response to the citizens of Belgrade and Maysville, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will conduct a Formal Public Hearing for the above-mentioned proposed highway project, on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at Maysville Elementary School (gymnasium), located at 814 6th Street, Maysville, 28555. The Maysville Elementary School gymnasium doors will open at 6:30 pm for public entry and registration of speakers. Attendees who wish to speak publicly at the hearing will need to sign in upon arrival. The formal presentation of the project will begin promptly at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of the public hearing is to accept any new, additional, and substantial information from the public that can be used to re-examine the corridor selection process that previously identified Alternative 2C as the proposed location of US 17. Alternative 2C follows existing US 17 through Belgrade, and Alternative 2A bypasses Belgrade to the west on a new alignment.

The formal presentation of the proposed project will include an overview of the alternative corridors in the Belgrade and Maysville area, a review of past public involvement opportunities and the corridor selection process that eventually led to the selection of Alternative 2C. Following the formal presentation, the hearing will be open for public questions and/or comments. Speakers will be called in the order they have registered. A three-minute time limit will be imposed for speaking in order to allow a fair opportunity for all those wishing to do so. Additional spoken comments will be received after those who registered have finished their comments. Additional time will be provided once everyone has had an opportunity to speak. Written comments may also be submitted until January 4, 2010.

Anyone desiring additional information prior to the meeting, may contact Mark Pierce, NCDOT, Project Development and Environmental Analysis, (919) 733-7844 x 214 or via e-mail: mspierce@ncdot.gov. Anyone wishing to speak publicly may register early by contacting Mr. Pierce before November 30, 2009 or may sign-in upon arrival at the public hearing on December 1, 2009.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Pierce as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.